

Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2003, 10am-3pm
Truman Building Room #490, Jefferson City, MO

Members in Attendance:

Aaron Bartlett - MARC (Kansas City MPO)
Dale Brigham - Department of Health
Bob Foster – MO Bicycle Federation
Caryn Giarratano – MoDOT BPC
Pam Hoelscher – MO Div of Hwy Safety
Brent Hugh – MO Bicycle Federation
Bob Kirkman - Blue Springs Runners
Randy Niere - Missouri Bicycle Federation
Chris Ricks – MO Highway Patrol
Mitch Skov - CATSO (Columbia MPO)
Jessica Terrell – MO Department of Natural Resources
Willard Worts - Department of Elem. and Sec. Ed.
Don Neumann (sub for Ed) – FHWA

Members Absent:

Wes Ballew - EWGCC (St. Louis MPO)
Troy Bolander - JATSO (Joplin MPO)
Andy Clements - SJATSO (St. Joseph MPO)
Chip Cooper – PedNet Coalition
Ed Cordero - Federal Highway Administration
Melva Fast - CAMPO (Jefferson City MPO)
Angela Hermann - Department of Health
Debra Lee - Division of Tourism
Donna Mueller – Gov. Cou. on Phy. Fit. & H
John Murrell - MO Assoc. of Coun. of Gov.
Mike Right - American Automobile Association
Terry Whaley - SATSO (Sprgfld MPO), OG
Tom Yarbrough - Trailnet

Guests: Cat Wilson, Sue Cox

Introductions: Caryn Giarratano (CG), Bike/Ped Coordinator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guest Cat agreed to take the minutes. Everyone introduced themselves. CG reminded all members take back BPAC issues to their constituencies for discussion and input and return to BPAC input from their organizations.

MoDOT reports: Caryn reminded all to bring the BPAC three-ring binders to meetings. She reported on the progress of committees formed to help the BPAC Routes Subcommittee: Mississippi River Trail, TransAmerica Trail and Lewis and Clark Trail. She described the function of two MoDOT committees she chairs: BP Policies and Issues and District BP Contacts. CG reported on her testimony on HB 684 to promote BP safety.

Formation of Subcommittees:

Rumble Strip Policy –Bob Kirkman, Don Neumann
Share the Road Policy – Dale Brigham, Mitch Skov, Jessica Terrell
BP Legislation – Bob Foster, Brent Hugh, Chris Ricks
Highway Patrol Website Update – Bob Foster, Pam Hoelscher, Brent Hugh, Chris Ricks
MO Drivers Guide – Brent Hugh, Chip Cooper, _____

Report of Subcommittees:

State Routes – Each member of this committee reported on his progress. The proposed bike map is nearly ready for dissemination to bike clubs for input. It is hoped to include indication of important information such as presence of paved shoulders, historic sites, AADT on the map to allow bicyclists to make good decisions about where to ride. There are seven routes marked in orange to indicate bike freeways with connections to other state bike routes. Routes marked in blue are designed to provide connectivity with every city. The efforts to use BCI/BLOS measures to identify the best roads have been hampered by the lack of a rural index model.

Bike Safety Packet – Willard Worts reported on this committee's progress and recommendations. The A to Z by Bike booklet has been chosen as the centerpiece of the bike safety packet. Other material should be

included: a summary of bike statutes, off-road guidelines, Katy Trail map and websites of bike clubs in the state. A discussion ensued regarding how to hold the materials together to allow easy distribution to bicyclists.

Rumble Strips – Don Neumann reported on the progress of the rumble strip study conducted by Dr. Gary Spring, engineering professor at Rolla. He mentioned MoDOT's current standards and described the safety reasons for having rumble strips. He emphasized the importance of their use on rural highways to combat highway hypnosis.

Legislative Update – Bob Foster explained the progress of the BP safety bill.

Safe Routes to School – Aaron Bartlett reported on the workshop held in KC last week. David Parisi and Wendi Kallins were the guest speakers. Videotaped workshops are being converted to powerpoint presentations to facilitate continued education efforts.

MPO Reports: Each representative from an MPO reported their BP activities...

EWGWCC (St. Louis) – Wes Ballew...absent.

MARC (Kansas City) – Aaron Bartlett... reported that MARC has begun the Explore KC campaign to encourage walking and bicycling. The message of "Walk more...Bike more...Hear more...See more..." Promotional items will be given away to encourage participation. He is working on a BP map for KC. A new program called Bike Buddies is being offered through Ride Share a commuter car pool program. Individuals register in this program provide home and work addresses and are then matched geographically with other possible bike commuters. The system allows for information about level of experience one has so that inexperienced bicyclist can be paired with experienced ones to encourage commuting. Because the program is offered through Ride Share, a bike buddy is also eligible for the Guaranteed Ride Home Program. This is service provided in cases of emergency for those that need to get home and have either car-pooled or biked to work. Mr. Bartlett reported that MARC would be hiring a new planner position to head the MetroGreen Trails program. The plan is to build 1144 miles of mainly multi-use paths throughout the KC area. He also reported on the Bike KC network of bike routes. The KC plan has been difficult to implement applying the narrow interpretation of 14' wide outside lanes for bike routes. While many roads may have low traffic volumes and low speeds are compatible for shared lane operation a narrow interpretation of AASHTO's recommended 14' wide outside lane eliminate many suitable bike routes. There must also be a commitment to look at lane narrowing, parking removal and roadway widening in other cases where traffic volumes and speeds are higher. Share the Road signs are being used to roughly indicate bike routes. The concern is that the Share the Road sign is a caution sign not a routing sign. Sharrows (or the Denver Bike Arrow) may be a solution however, nothing this progressive is being considered. Liability concerns are preventing the installation of bike route signs.

CATSO (Columbia) – Mitch Skov... The Broadway corridor study is progressing. Concerns have been addressed and options to make the area more bike/ped friendly are being explored. The city is creating a bike map based on the Columbia bicyclists opinions. The Mayor's Challenge is next week. This program, together with Bike to Work Week festivities is designed to encourage people to walk, wheel or ride to work.

SATSO (Springfield) – Terry Whaley... Due to Terry's absence, CG reported on her visit to this community. Springfield has three signed on-road bike routes (5, 10 and 20 mile routes) and 22.7 miles of greenways on four trails (South Creek, Galloway, Frisco Highline, Ward Branch). Springbike held a reception in CG's honor to introduce her to local government folks.

JATSO (Joplin) – Troy Bolander...absent

SJATSO (St. Joseph) – Andy Clements...absent

CAMPO (Jefferson City) – Melva Fast...absent

State Agency Reports: Each state agency representative reported his or her agency's BP activities...

Department of Natural Resources – Jessica Terrell... DNR is in the process of determining who will receive the last round of Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds through TEA-21. The original intent of the RTP was to provide a more primitive trail experience. However, many of this round's 58 applications were for urban or semi-urban projects, mostly paved and under two miles long. Although no details regarding these projects can be released at this time, we estimate that only 14 of the projects will be funded with the money available this round. The Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) has just been revised through 2007 and includes a new section on trails. The section includes descriptions of four major Missouri trails/routes: Katy Trail State Park, Mississippi River Trail, TransAmerica Trail and the Lewis and Clark Trail. The

International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) will be holding free trail-building classes in Jefferson City (at Binder Lake) June 12 and 14 (the first one will be for state/LPA employees only). The Katy Trail extension between Machens and St. Charles is expected to be complete by February 2004 (bluehole bypass necessary). The Greissen Rd. to Boonville St. connection in Sedalia should be completed by the beginning of June.

Department of Health – Dale Brigham...Due to Angela's absence, Dale reported on the Safe Routes to School partnering effort in our state. This department is managing the development of the State Physical Activities Plan, a roadmap to a more active Missouri. The program "Move for your Health" is planned to include 1200 of the 2000 department employees. He is coordinating with Branson and Brentwood to create programs to increase walking to enhance community livability. Part of the plan is to create infrastructure to allow BP activity. Angela is working on promoting the message to walk via Walk Missouri MO.

Division of Highway Safety – Pam Hoelscher...This agency provides information to schools on bike safety.

Division of Tourism – Debra Lee...absent

Highway Patrol – Chris Ricks...He is interested in taking website update suggestions to the Patrol webmaster. Chris will lead the effort (assisted by Bob and Brent) to summarize the bike statutes to go with the bike safety information.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – Willard Worts... He offered an update on the cost-cutting solutions by school districts include the possibility of charging parents for school bus transportation. The cutting of driver's education classes reduces the number of young people learning about driving safely around bicyclists and pedestrians.

Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health – Donna Mueller... absent

Other Reports: Other BPAC members reported on the BP activities of their constituencies...

MO Association of Councils of Government – John Murrell...absent

American Automobile Association – Mike Right...absent

Ozark Greenways – Terry Whaley...absent

Pednet Coalition – Chip Cooper...absent

Federal Highway Administration – Ed Cordero... absent

Blue Springs Runners – Bob Kirkman... said that he was excited to share with his club members (97) the activities of this committee.

Trailnet – Tom Yarbrough... absent

Missouri Bicycle Federation - Bob Foster, Brent Hugh, Randy Niere... Bob presented suggested legislation regarding vision testing of older drivers. He outlined the main points of the safety legislation currently being considered at the Capitol (20 mph school zones, highest degree of caution around bicyclists, increased penalties for striking bike/ped, illegal to park in bike lane). Brent passed out press releases regarding May as National Bike month. He asked the committee for two volunteers to help with MO Drivers Guide additions. He explained the Equal Rights for Cyclists Campaign letter. He would like endorsement from MoDOT, Highway Patrol and MBF. He asked for any BP news to be sent to the MBF website (www.mobikefed.org). He invited all to join the listserv.

CG reported that May is National Bike Month and that Friday, May 16th is Bike/Walk to Work Day.

Adjourn at 2:45 pm. Meetings are held every three months on the first Monday of the month (the next four meetings are: May 5, 2003; August 4, 2003; November 3, 2003; February 2, 2004; May 3, 2004).